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Prime Minister Nel Oduber, Owner Alex Mathew with Ariana & Liliana and Landlord Gilbert

features sophisticated tones of white and acid green, in a crescendo of intensity from pale jade to musk, the second part is more dynamic,

combining neutral tones with bold flashes of colors such as orange, oleander, azalea and fuchsia.

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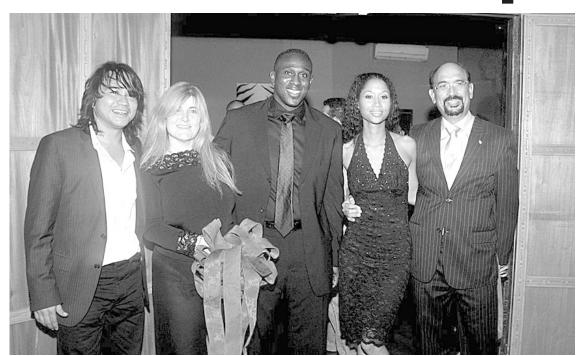






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SAN NICOLAS - It is easy to see all of the new investments into the Palm Beach area of Aruba with the recent opening of more than 15 food and beverage outlets all within a few blocks from each other. This past Saturday night on the other side of the island, Alex Mathew continued the trend by opening up a chic new Bar & Restaurant named Foxy Lady. Although the entertainment is quite different that what can be found in Palm Beach, the continued investment into island businesses is welcomed.

Present for the pre-opening ceremonieson Friday evening was the Prime Minister of Aruba Nelson Oduber who held the honor of cutting the big red ribbon of the entrance of this new establishment and investment into the San Nicolas area. Saturday night was overwhelmingly successful with many new faces enjoying the other side





of the island. In the pictures: Prime Minister Nel Oduber, Owner

Alex Mathew with
Ariana & Liliana and
Landlord Gilbert Senchi.



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Professional Pest Control Rewards Outstanding Employees











ORANJESTAD--Professional Pest Control recently introduced the "Master Technician" certification training and invited all of its service technicians to take on the challenge.

Reginald Albertus was the first to step up to the plate and in less than two weeks completed three courses successfully, finishing them with the high average score of 86%. In total he studies eight hours and forty minutes and passed all exams and earned his signed certificate from

UNIVAR, a USA industrial chemical distributor supplying products and distribution services to all major industrial market segments.

Reggie was praised by Managing Director Anthony Wever at Friday's happy hour at the Professional Pest Control headquarters on Avenida Milo Croes. He also joined the rest of the crew congratulating first quarter winners Clive Solognier, and runner ups Alex Benzo and Yesenia Valle Perreira for maintaining very high service standards and applying themselves to all tasks, big and small, with great enthusiasm and dedications. Pictured here Professional



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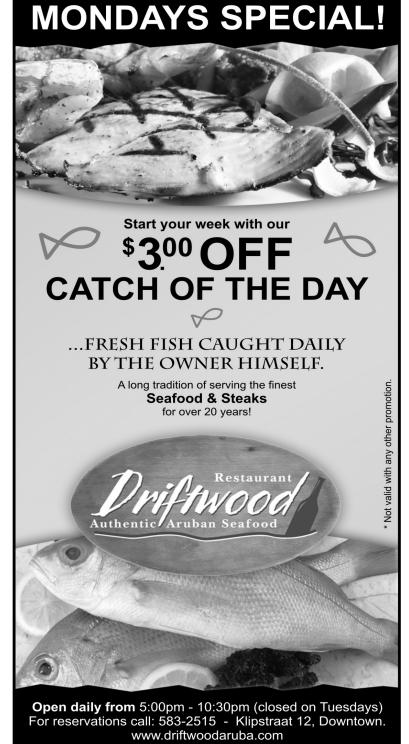
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Kiwanis Install New Members











ORANJESTAD – The board of the Kiwanis Club of Palm Beach Aruba installed four new members at a business and installation meeting held at Casa Tua Barcelona Restaurant, in the heart of Oranjestad.

President Rossi Marchena, Elect Patrick President Melchiors, Vice President Giovanni Kelly, Secretary Omar de Souza, Treasurer Raymond Habibe and Past president Lino Quant, joined directors Ted Johnson, Kishor Karnani, Evan Giel, Ben King, Rudy Perotte, Giovanni Bermudes and Paul Croes in welcoming the new recruits Marlon Maduro, Jan Welhage, Robert Moons, Greg Lacle and their wives to the fellowship. Kiwanis Club of Palm Beach, Aruba, was founded in 1984. The club began with just 26 members and has grown to its current membership of 51. Over the years, the club has held many fundraisers, including the famous annual Carnaval Masquerade Party, on the eve of the grand parade. The Kiwanis of Palm Beach help out in the community in a variety of ways, including sponsoring youth groups, clean-ups, raising money to benefit children, children's support groups, and study scholarships.

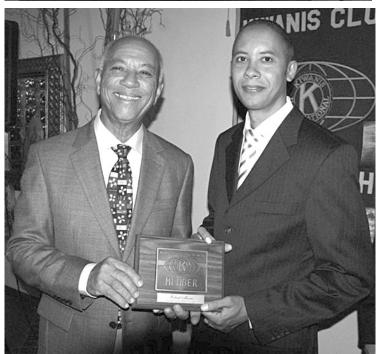
The club has enjoyed a rich history over the years, with its members coming from fields such as accounting, civil service, education and management. In 2009, the club will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary, a fact that will be commemorated by a second large fundraiser titled 'Ban Uni Florin ...' on April 30, 2009.

For more information, check out the News page and the Activities Calendar on line or speak to one of the members who will proudly elaborate on the club's contributions to the Aruban community.

Kiwanis members and their guests also enjoyed a fine three course dinner with a choice of Onion Soup, Traditional Caesar Salad or Escargots a la Bourguignon for starters, followed by a choice of Chef Gregory's Three-Cheese Cannelloni, Fettuccini















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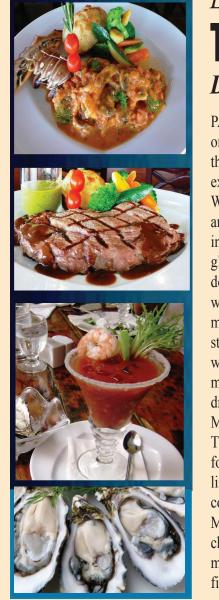
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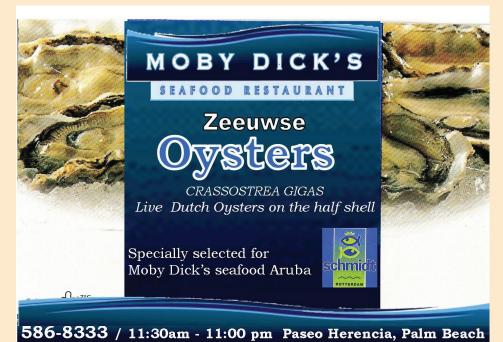
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PASEO HERENCIA – Moby Dick's has one mission; to take you to the depths of the blue ocean to taste some of the most exquisite dishes to come from the deep. What a truly beautiful restaurant this is, and what a unique interior to match. The inside is studded with artwork, amazing glass carvings, and both floors are dominated by gigantic fountains, with water running from ceiling to floor along multicoloured lit fibre optic cables. The stairway is lined by an impressive painting which runs along the complete wall. The menu promises to be a true seafood lovers dream. Lobsters, fresh fish fillets, shrimps. Moby Dick's has everything on the menu. There is of course a land lubbers section for those who are so disposed. The wine list is impressive to say the least, and the cocktails are definitely worth a taste.

Moby Dick's is open for lunch as well. The chef has made a well rounded, extensive menu for you to choose from. You will find what you want, whatever your

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The French Steakhouse Gets a Seasonal Refresh



Eagle Beach — Locals and visitors have been looking forward to the seasonal menu tweak and recharge of the French Steakhouse, under the expert direction of executive chef George Hoek. The good news reached us just recently. The master has finally revealed his grand retouch, resulting in a packed dining-room every night of the week.

Among appetizers Chef George now lists his popular classics, Escargot a la Pernod and Prosciutto Ham & Melon next to his novel selections, Authentic Aruba Keeshi Yena and Tropical Crab Cakes with pineapple and mango salsa.

The classic menu of the French Steak House received a pepped-up twist, also evident in the salad section featuring a Honey Glazed Salmon Salad and a Hearts of Palm with Roasted Pepper salad.

The menu now boasts more seafood, from fresh fish to the totally sinful and amazingly decadent Caribbean Stuffed Shrimp with Crabmeat and Bacon, which became an instant hit. The tequila and sweet chili glaze, lends the Jumbo shrimp a pure taste of heaven! The famous South American Churrasco steak, a signature preparation, now shares the limelight with juicy USDA beef specialties such as NY Sirloin and Filet Mignon. And Chef George definitely took the boring out of chicken with his Jerk Curried Skewers and Lemon Herb Broilers.

Open seven days a week from 5:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. the French Steakhouse is blessed with the nicest staff and a delightfully renovated dining room with sparkling China, crisp linen, an interesting bread basket, colossal desserts and live jazz on piano with Eddy Samson.

Hungry patrons will appreciate the Ambassador's 5-couse menu featuring the run of the menu highlights for just \$34.95 per person, at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa, on Eagle beach.





Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar perfects beach cuisine



Eagle Beach – Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa recently unveiled its new lunch & cocktail menu, conceived and presented by executive chef George Hoek.

A few months ago, when Chef Hoek joined the Manchebo's culinary team, he promised to introduce a "Sun Splashed" menu to the resort's Café & Beach Bar, thus elevating beach cuisine to an ultimate high.

True to his promise, the chef delivered a contemporary menu,

listing many favorite dishes from around the world, deriving inspiration off US, Mexican, Thai, Jamaican, Cuban, Greek and Mediterranean menus, all served with a tropical, Caribbean flair.

For starters to Sun-Sational Salads, to open face sandwiches, Cuban pressed jawbreakers and wraps, Chef Hoek went out of his way to bring novelty to mid-day platters, while not forgetting the classics, which also make an appearance on his menu starring oversize Beef Burgers, Philly Cheese Steak Sandwiches and Hot Dogs.

The Pega Pega tropical & frozen cocktail list, with fresh fruit or ice cream smoothies, daiquiris, coladas and margaritas, leaves nothing out, including Yellow Birds, Sex on the Beach and Mudslides, making a lunchtime brain-freeze, extremely easy to get!

The Pega Pega, one of Aruba oldest beach bars is open on fabulous Eagle Beach, with unrivaled views, caring, gracious service, and relaxed atmosphere, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The bar opens at 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.



Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano delivers authentic Italian flavors



Eagle Beach -- Italian food lovers needn't walk far. Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano located within walking distance of all low-rise resorts, at the charming Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa, delivers Mamma Mia cuisine.

The Manchebo's Executive Chef George Hoek concocted an irresistible menu of Italian classic specialties with a contemporary feel, served al fresco, on the garden terrace or around the tropical pool.

From Anti Pasti to Insalata, Zuppa to Pesce, the menu welcomes diners with familiar recipes, which distinctly demonstrates the talents of Executive ChefGeorgeHoek, a master of flavorful sauces, delicious combinations and delightful presentations

At the heart of the menu, the Pasta section, delivers a nice variety to be shared by two or enjoyed unabashedly solo – go ahead, you only live once. Pizza appears on Giorgio's menu for

those craving thin crusts and ample toppings, with a selection of classic pies made to order and served with a genuine Italian accent. Angelo, the Maitre D is Italian, naturally.

Giorgio's Piatti Principali feature a hit-parade of dishes, which make it very difficult to choose.

Giorgio's Osso Bucco will have you moaning with great satisfaction as you heap the braised veal shanks flavored with herbs and a red wine reduction, escorted by potato gnocchi, onto your fork, getting lost in the symphonic, robust flavors.

Chef George says General Manager Edgar Roelofs, is an incredibly valuable addition to our team as his food is divine, and his desserts deserve a special article on their own!

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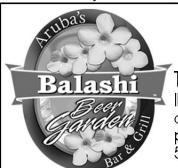
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While Amazonia is Aruba's first authentic Brazilian steakhouse since 2000, it upholds a South American culinary tradition dating from centuries ago. After toiling all day on the cattle ranches of the Pampas region of southern Brazil, the weary gauchos would gather around an open-fire charcoal pit to leisurely roast skewered poultry, pork, and beef in true churrasco--or barbeque--style. This unique way of grilling meat allows it to cook in its own juices and preserves the meat's natural flavor and tenderness.

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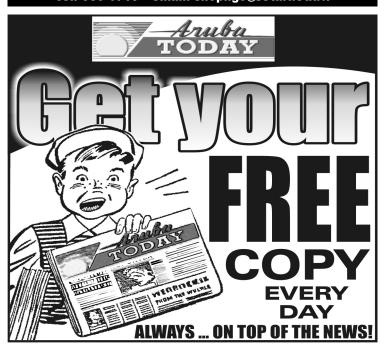
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racao's 25th End of the Year Race

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If everybody sails a perfect race, all participants should finish at the same moment so, in the end, skill, determination, hard work and luck decide who finishes first and is then automatically declared the overall winner. Venezuelan yacht Ludovic that took top

race.

At the prize giving ceremony, Van Dooren looked back on 25 years of fun, tension and camaraderie. His speech was larded with remarkable facts and figures. For the statisticians among us: 25 times an End-of-the-Year Race means:

25x average of 40 participants = 1000 participants

25x average of 4 = 100

25 x 4 x average of 1,000 Antillean guilders = 100,000 guilders

25 x average of 10 employees involved = 250 volunteers

25 x average of 40 liters = 1000 liters of soup

25 x average of 1,000 donuts = 25,000 "oliebollen"

25 x 40 participants, each about 20 miles sailed = a total of 20,000 miles (and that's 1x around the globe.)

But what's most important: 25 years of fun and togetherness in the holiday season.

The End-of -the Year Race is synonymous with Sea Scouts, Dutch donuts, soup and Christmas ham. The local Sea Scouts Group Mgr. Verriet hosted the event -as alwaysand took care of all the food and drinks. All participants were happily surprised by more sponsored prizes than ever, one for each and every one, drawn as lots.

Photos from 25 years of racing were shown on a big screen. It was an event never to forget!

Els Kroon is a Dutch former teacher who now lives and works as an award-winning free-lance photojournalist on Curação. 🔲

Cold Stone Creamery heads to Caribbean

Cold Stone Creamery will open up to 14 stores in the Caribbean over the next five years in a deal with Sundaes

The first store is scheduled to open in July in Trinidad and Tobago.

The Scottsdale-based ice cream retailer also is targeting Grenada, Barbados, Saint Vincent, Saint Lucia, Dominica, Antigua, Saint Kitts, Jamaica, Saint Martin, Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Suriname and Guyana, officials said in an announcement Friday.

"Since the Caribbean is known as a prime vacation venue, Cold Stone Creamery's latest expansion provides an opportunity to extend our reach and brand awareness to not just the locals of the region, but also to the thousands of tourists visiting the islands each year," said Lee Knowlton, chief operating officer for Cold Stone parent Kahala Corp.

Sundaes is a subsidiary of Trinidad-based ice cream maker Flavorite Foods Ltd. Cold Stone Creamery has 1,450 locations in 11 countries.





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Lunch Bag seminar at La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club









EAGLE BEACH – With a goal of promoting the conservation of Aruba's culture, La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club organized a series of lunch-bag seminars featuring interesting guest speakers.

The Social Committee invited Judith Boekhoudt, an herb specialist who often lectures about the medicinal properties of local plants, as well as the ultimate Papiamento expert Ramon Todd Dandare who spoke about the origin of the language in a dynamic and interactive style.

Roy Feliciano & Victor Rasmijn representing the Museo Numismático, brought valuable samples of early money, and discussed the history of coins in the region. Also Olinda Rasmijn of STIMARUBA spoke well about the Flora and Fauna of the island.

The social committee says Ena Vrolijk, Members Relations Manager, at La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club did an excellent job when it stimulated discussion and appreciation of Aruba's natural resources over delicious bagged lunch.

The lectures were organized in March in relation to Aruba's national day.









Aruba TODAY

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ORANJESTAD - Benjamin Petrochi has started the newest

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Tickets for "Havana Dance" are US\$ 49.- Children under 12 pay US\$25.-

Tickets are available at Don't mis the theater box office, to be green Renaissance Aruba Resort, by the size and can also be purchased Dance."

at the concierge's desk at the Renaissance Aruba Resort. Other ticket vendors include the De Palm Tours and Pelican Adventure Activity Centers at the resorts. A special dinner & show package is also available in conjunction with the L.G. Smith's Steak & Chop House for US\$89.- per person.

For additional information and reservations call the Crystal Theatre at Tel.: 583 6000, ext. 6115, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. After 5 p.m., call tel.: 583 6000 ext. 6357. Don't miss an opportunity to be greatly entertained by the sizzle of "Havana"

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Enjoy the Fresh Catch of the Day with Live Music in the back ground

"Fishes and More" leads the way in seafood dining



PALM BEACH - Fishes and More Restaurant opened up in the Arawak Gardens just 3 and a half years ago and has been a great success since day one. PALM BEACH - Fishes and More Restaurant opened up in the Arawak Gardens just 3 and a half years ago and has been a great success since day one. Word on the street is that once you eat at Fishes and More, consider yourself addicted. The owners Jeroen Kuling and Hans Heijink together with the staff Romalo, Heidi, Mariella, Denise and Chef Gerben work hard keeping the restaurant open 7 days a week from 4 pm till 11pm for everyone to enjoy. The ambiance at the restaurant is out of this world, whether dinning inside in the relaxed air-conditioned

dinning room or outside on the terrace to enjoy the tropical breeze and daily live music. Most guests come in early for the daily fresh catches, such as Red snapper, grouper, mahi mahi, wahoo and tuna. Check with the server to find out about the Catch of the day. The chef will be more than happy to prepare your fish the way you like it best: grilled, deep-fried, pan-fried or the chef's choice. Every Wednesday, seafood specials are prepared depending on what the Fishermen bring in fresh out of the water that afternoon. These





fresh Caribbean lobster and pounds of peeled shrimps. Fishes and More is for everyone, from large groups, families, couples and even singles who can't shake the seafood addiction can stop in for a fix of Pina Colada Shrimp. For those who like to try something different or have had their fill of spectacular seafood, the chef prepares a wonderful array of filet mignon, rib eye, wiener schnitzel, veal parmesan, and pasta specialties. Great Seafood!!! Fun and relaxed atmosphere. Right across from the high rise hotels. It is worth the short walk to a wonderful dinner

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U.S. President Barack Obama (front) delivers remarks in Washington announcing a comprehensive, new strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan March 27, 2009. Standing behind Obama (L-R) are advisor Bruce Riedel, Commander of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mike Mullen, National Security Advisor James Jones, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Michele Flournoy and Special Envoy to Afghanistan Richard Holbrooke.

REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque (UNITED STATES POLITICS)

Obama rules out US troop raids into Pakistan

WASHINGTON – As he carries out a retooled struck the U.S. on Sept. 11, 2001. He set new strategy in Afghanistan, President Barack Obama says he will consult with Pakistan's leaders before pursuing terrorist hideouts in

Obama said U.S. ally Pakistan needs to be more accountable, but ruled out deploying U.S. troops there. "Our plan does not change the recognition of Pakistan as a sovereign government," the president told CBS' "Face the Nation" in an interview broadcast Sunday. The president also bemoaned the tenuous security situation in Afghanistan, saying, "Unless we get a handle on it now, we're gonna be in trouble." He made clear that his new strategy for the long war is "not going to be an open-ended commitment of infinite resources" from the United States.

In a wide-ranging interview, Obama sought to counter the notion that Afghanistan has become

He emphasized that it started on George W. Bush's watch.

"I think it's America's war. And it's the same war that we initiated after 9/11 as a consequence of those attacks," Obama said. "The focus over the last seven years, I think, has been lost."

Obama taped the interview Friday, the same day he launched the fresh effort to defeat al-Qaida terrorists in Pakistan and Afghanistan, widening a war that began after terrorists

benchmarks and ordered 4,000 more troops to the war zone as well as hundreds of civilians and increased aid. The plan does not include an exit timeline

Defense Secretary Robert Gates, in an interview on "Fox News Sunday," said the short-term objectives for U.S. forces in Afghanistan have narrowed under Obama's new strategy even as a flourishing democracy in Afghanistan remains a long-term goal.

"I think what we need to focus on and focus our efforts is making headway and reversing the Taliban's momentum and strengthening the Afghan army and police, and really going after al-Qaida, as the president said," Gates said.

Al-Qaida terrorists are still a serious threat and retain the ability to plan attacks against the United States even though they have been inhibited over the past several years, Gates

Both Pakistan and Afghanistan have praised the new U.S. strategy for dealing with growing violence in the region.

But Obama has irked Pakistan since taking office in January by retaining a powerful but controversial weapon left over from the Bush administration's fight against terrorism: unmanned Predator drone missile strikes on Pakistan along its border with Afghanistan.

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GM CEO Wagoner to step down at White House request



In this Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009 picture, General Motors Chairman and Chief Executive Rick Wagoner talks about the company's restructuring plans during a news conference in Detroit. A person with knowledge of General Motors' plans said Sunday, March 29, 2009 Wagoner will step down immediately as chairman and chief executive of the struggling Detroit automaker.

(AP Photo/Carlos Osorio)

By TOM KRISHER and KEN THOMAS,

Associated Press Writers

DETROIT - General Motors Corp. Chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner will step down immediately at the request of the White House, administration officials said Sunday. The news comes as President Obama prepares to unveil additional restructuring efforts designed to save the domestic auto industry.

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Workers scramble to pull an outlet hose for a pump over a dike as a helicopter behind lowers a giant sandbag in an attempt to patch a leak at the flooded Oak Grove Lutheran school Sunday, March 29, 2009, in Fargo, N.D. The bloated Red River briefly breached a dike early Sunday, pouring water into the school campus and the mayor called it a 'wakeup call' for a city that needs to be vigilant for weaknesses in levees that could give way at any time. Crews managed to largely contain the flooding to the school campus, preventing more widespread damage in nearby areas.

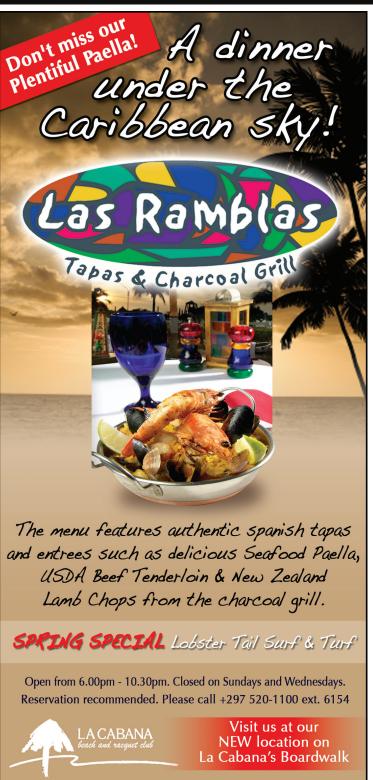
(AP Photo/Elaine Thompson)

Fargo spends day in church and fighting off floods

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GM CEO

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The officials asked not to be identified because details of the restructuring plan have not yet been made public. On Monday, Obama is to announce plans to restructure GM and Chrysler LLC in exchange for additional government loans. The companies have been living on \$17.4 billion in government aid and have requested \$21.6 billion more.

Wagoner's departure indicates that more management changes may be part of the deal. Wagoner, 56, has repeatedly said he felt it was better for the company if he led it through the crisis, but he has faced sharp criticism on Capitol Hill for what many lawmakers regard as years of missteps, mistakes and arrogance by the Big Three automakers.

Wagoner joined GM in 1977, serving in several capacities in the U.S., Brazil and Europe. He became president and chief executive in 2000 and has served as chairman and CEO since May 2003.

Obama said Sunday that GM and Chrysler and all those with a stake in their survival need to take more hard steps to help the struggling automakers restructure for the future. In an interview with CBS' "Face the Nation" broadcast Sunday, Obama said the companies must do more to receive additional financial aid from the government.

"They're not there yet," he said.

A person familiar with Obama's plans said last week they would go deeper than what the Bush administration demanded when it approved the initial loans last year.

Wagoner, in an interview with The Associated Press in December, had declined to speculate on suggestions from some members of Congress that GM's leadership team should step down as part of any rescue package.

"I'm doing what I do because it adds a lot of value to the company," Wagoner said in a Dec. 4 interview as GM sought federal aid from the Bush administration. "It's not clear to me that experience in this industry should be viewed as a negative but I'm going to do what's right for the company and I'll do it in consultation with the (GM) board (of directors)."

Wagoner has been credited by auto industry analysts with doing more to restructure the giant, bureaucratic automaker than any other executive. But given that he has been at GM's helm for so long, many of his critics say he moved far too slowly to take on the United Auto Workers and shrink the company as its market share tumbled.

While GM has improved its cars in the last two years, critics say the company relied for too long on sales of pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles for its profits and was unprepared for a drastic market shift when gasoline prices hit \$4 per gallon last year.

During the Congressional debate over whether to give GM and Chrysler loans last year, many lawmakers criticized Wagoner, including Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., chairman of the Banking Committee.

He accused automakers' top management of having a "head-in-the-sand" approach to problems and said Wagoner "has to move on" as part of a government-run restructuring that should be a condition of financial life support for the auto industry.



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Fargo spends day in church and fighting off floods

JAMES MacPHERSON and JULIANA BARBASSA,

Associated Press Writers

FARGO, N.D. – Fargo residents came together at churches Sunday and prayed they would be spared the Red River's wrath as water burst a levee and swamped a school, providing a powerful omen for the type of disaster that could strike at any time

Church services that are a staple of life on Sunday mornings in Fargo took on greater significance as people gathered after a week of sandbagging, worrying and helping neighbors and prayed that their levees would keep holding the water back. They bowed their heads, sang hymns of hope and held their hands in prayer, and the mayor opened his morning briefing with a blessing.

"At a time like this, we need to call on God's providential assistance," said pastor Bob Ona of Fargo's First Assembly of God church. "All of you have been heroic in your efforts. All of you have been pushed past the wall of weariness, exhaustion and numerous frustrations in order to do the right thing help people in the name of the Lord."

The Red River continued its slow retreat Sunday after cresting a day earlier, dropping to 40.02 feet — still more than 22 feet above flood stage. The river may still fluctuate up to a foot and remain at dangerous levels for a week, testing the long line of sandbag levees that residents hastily constructed all week

Fargo faces another test this week as a storm approached with up to a half-foot of snow and powerful wind gusts that could send ferocious waves crashing into and over the already-stressed levees.

The sandbag effort resumed Sunday as helicopters began dropping one-ton sandbags into the river to deflect its violent current and keep it from eroding vulnerable areas of the dike system.

The aerial effort also included unmanned Predator drones used to watch flood patterns and ice floes and provide highdefinition information to teams on the ground. North Dakota has more than 2,400 National Guard troops engaged in the flood fight across the state.

The helicopter sandbag effort

was focused on an area of the river that put another scare in the city during the night when it burst past a levee and submerged a Lutheran school campus.

Oak Grove Lutheran Principal Morgan Forness said city officials, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the National Guard unsuccessfully tried to contain the gushing water after a floodwall buckled around 1:30 a.m. The water kept spreading and "we couldn't contain it. ... it's inundating all of the buildings," said Principal Morgan Forness.

"The campus is basically devastated. They fought the good fight. They lost and there's nothing wrong with that," Mayor Dennis Walaker said. "Those things will continue to happen. I guarantee it."

largely Crews contained the flooding to the campus, preventing more widespread damage in nearby areas. School officials also frantically raced to rescue a cockatiel, parakeet and tortoises, birds, iguanas and snakes kept at the school as part of its science program.

The flooding at the campus heavily damaged in the region's 1997 flood — represented the type of disaster that could crop up in Fargo throughout the week, with Walaker calling it a "wakeup call" for the city.

"The main event is right now, while we have this higher water. And it ain't over till it's over," said Rep. Earl Pomeroy, D-N.D., comparing the need for vigilance until the very end to the University of North Dakota's stunning, last-second loss in the hockey playoffs the night before. "And it ain't gonna be over until several days from now."

The levee watch in Fargo was one of several fronts in the fight against the Red River. Public works officials were closely monitoring the situation to make sure that water and sewer systems remain safe and that raw sewage doesn't back up into homes. Flooding statewide was blamed for two deaths. in central and western North Dakota, in what health officials said were apparent heart attacks brought on by flood-prevention exertions.

Moorhead, a city of 30,000 directly across the river in Minnesota, also was fighting to hold back the river. A husband and wife had to be rescued by

boat from their home just south of the city after they became trapped on the second floor, said Clay County Sheriff Bill Bergquist.

Moorhead Mayor Boxland said he was concerned but still optimistic about how long his city's dike could last against the pressure of the river water. "Some of us aren't sure how strong they might be," he said. "We have a long way to go."

The flood was caused by an enormous winter snowfall that melted and combined with more precipitation to send the river to record levels.



Volunteers, responding to a call-out on a local radio station, form a line as they move sandbags into position Saturday, March 28, 2009, in Moorhead, Minn. The Red River apparently crested Saturday, forecasters said, with record-setting floodwaters.

(AP Photo/Elaine Thompson)

Mass. man killed sisters on 5-year-old's birthday

By GLEN JOHNSON, **Associated Press Writer**

MILTON, Mass. - A man on a rampage fatally stabbed his 17-year-old sister, decapitated his 5-year-old sister during her birthday party and then headed toward his 9-year-old sister before officers shot him amid what their chief described as "a killing field."

There is no clear motive yet for the events that unfolded about 5 p.m. Saturday in this tony Boston suburb that is also home to Gov. Deval Patrick. But there is no doubt at the carnage wrought by 23-yearold Kerby Revelus against his three sisters in the two-family home they shared with their parents and grandmother.

Bianca was killed as a cake for her 5th birthday sat on the kitchen table. Sarafina, 9, dialed 911 and watched police shoot her brother as her elder sister, Samantha, lay dead on the floor.

Sarafina was hospitalized Sunday at the Boston Medical Center with defensive wounds to her hands and stab wounds in her abdomen and one of her

"In policing, we see the raw human emotion every day, but to think that a human being could afflict such an atrocious, violent act on his own family is unbelievable," Milton police Chief Richard G. Wells Jr. told The Associated Press.

"When I walked up to the first officer (on the scene), I could

his face. This just told me that this was something very bad," Wells said.

Kerby Revelus had recently served jail time on a gun charge, Wells said, but the details would not be released until courts opened Monday. Police had been called to the same house in 2004 after a domestic violence report of Revelus allegedly punching one of the women living in the home, Wells said.

Saturday's attack came about 24 hours after Revelus had gotten into a fistfight with a man living next door, Wells said

"Blows were exchanged," he said. "I don't know the cause of it, but we're confident that did happen. He had been agitated in the hours that followed that, going into the day and last night."

Investigators believe that Revelus targeted Samantha, a 17-year-old senior at Milton High School, and fatally stabbed her with a household knife while their grandmother was doing laundry in the basement. At the time, the children's parents were away; their mother is a nurse at a Boston hospital, Wells said. Her identity, as well as that of the father, were not immediately available.

Sarafina, an elementary school student, called 911 just before 5 p.m. An officer on patrol in the neighborhood arrived within a

see the whole story right in minute, Wells said, and could hear an altercation inside as he reached the second floor. The 911 operator tried to persuade Sarafina to open the door, but when she did not, the officer broke through.

"As the officer entered the door, he decapitated (Bianca) in front of him," said Wells. "He actually walked into a killing field. He walked into such carnage, as far as the atrocity of it, I've never seen

Within moments, four officers were inside and two of them shot Revelus as he tried to get to Sarafina, Wells said. He fell still clutching the knife.

Details about the number of shots and who killed Revelus were pending the outcome of an autopsy Sunday.

Jocelyn Ashley, 18, who attended Milton High with Samantha, told The Boston Globe that Kerby Revelus was "a loner," but Samantha was friendly and excited about the

Milton High School Principal John Drottar said Samantha was a member of the poetry club and planned to attend college this fall.

"She was a wonderful young lady, a great student, and just a sweetheart of a kid," Drottar

A two-hour grief counseling session was held at the school Sunday afternoon and will be offered Monday to students and employees, he said.

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Treasury secretary says market won't solve problem



In this photograph provided by 'Meet the Press,' Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner appears during the taping of 'Meet the Press' Sunday, March 29, 2009, at the NBC studios in Washington.

(AP Photo/Meet The Press, Brendan Smialowski)

By PHILIP ELLIOTT,

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON – Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner defended his approach to fixing the country's economic mess Sunday, saying "the market will not solve this" while disclosing a bailout fund for battered banks has \$135 billion left and might need more.

Geithner used his first Sunday talk show appearances to promote President Barack Obama's massive government spending plan to ease credit, help borrowers and inject billions of dollars into the financial sector. Long kept behind the scenes, the treasury secretary has emerged as the administration's champion of a plan that fueled an uptick in Wall Street markets.

"We came through a period where people borrowed too much and we let our financial system take on much too much risk," Geithner said. "And the consequences of those choices, made over years, were a huge boom. And that boom, the air is now coming out of that and that's causing enormous damage."

Obama and his administration last week announced a program to help banks free themselves of so-called "toxic assets." These investments have tied up capital and kept them from resuming more normal lending to consumers and businesses.

The plan calls for the administration to partner with private investors, the Federal Reserve and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. to buy as much as \$1 trillion in toxic assets from banks. Like the president himself, Geithner

cautioned against immediate expectations.

"It's very important for people to understand that, you know, it took us a long time to get into this mess. It's going to take us a while to get out of this," he said. "Progress is not going to be even. It's not going to be steady."

Geithner said Washington alone was equipped to salvage an economy that has seen jobs lost and credit shrink.

"The market will not solve this. And the great risk for us is we do too little, not that we do too much," he said.

Geithner has faced a rough start to his time at treasury. Unpaid taxes cost him votes during his Senate confirmation, and lax oversight for embattled American International Group Inc.'s bonuses drew Republican calls for his resignation. Wall Street scoffed when he outlined early details of the administration's financial plan, placing him on the bench early.

Obama's financial team, however, turned to Geithner in recent days to bolster its case for the economy. The former head of the Federal Reserve Bank in New York, Geithner confidently brushed off Republican criticism that too much spending would send the economy into out-of-control inflation.

"Will never happen. Because we have a strong, independent Fed, with a clear authority from the Congress to keep inflation low at — stable at low levels going forward," he said.

He also dismissed his critics, citing the nation's anger and frustration with the economy.

"And I knew we were going to face really tough choices," he said. "We were going to have to do things that are going to be deeply unpopular, hard to understand. We're not going to get it perfect everywhere. ... This job, it comes with a lot of heat by definition and there's nothing surprising in that."

Despite that frustration, Obama would not rule out a second round of bailouts. In its budget request to Congress last month, the administration included a placeholder for an additional \$750 billion in bailout funds. Many lawmakers said there was little chance more money will be approved, given the political environment.

Geithner said the bailout plan — he said about \$135 billion remains to help banks stay afloat — helped every American, not just the financial firms.

"I would not spend a penny on helping a bank for the purpose of helping a bank," said Geithner, taking care with words that can move the markets. "Everything we're doing is for the people that depend on this financial system. Every time we provide assistance to the financial institutions, it's only because we need them to do a better job of getting credit to help reduce the risk of a deeper recession." Geithner appeared on ABC's "This Week" and NBC's "Meet the Press."





In this March 27, 2009 file photo, President Barack Obama talks about Afghanistan and Pakistan in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the White House campus in Washington.

(AP Photo/Ron Edmonds, File)

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Pakistan has urged Obama to halt the strikes. But Gates has signaled to Congress that the U.S. would continue to go after al-Qaida inside Pakistan, and senior Obama administration officials have called the strikes effective.

Without directly referring to the strikes, Obama said: "If we have a high-value target within our sights, after consulting with Pakistan, we're going after them. But our main thrust has to be to help Pakistan defeat these extremists."

Asked if he meant he would put U.S. troops on the ground in Pakistan, Obama said: "No." He noted that Pakistan is a sovereign nation and said: "We need to work with them and through them to deal with al-Qaida. But we have to hold them much more accountable."

"What we wanna do is say to the Pakistani people: You are our friends, you are our allies. We are going to give you the tools to defeat al-Qaida and to root out these safe havens. But we also expect some accountability. And we expect that you understand the severity and the nature of the threat," Obama added.

His strategy is built on an ambitious goal of boosting the Afghan army from 80,000 to 134,000 troops by 2011 — and greatly increasing training by U.S. troops accompanying them — so the Afghan military can defeat Taliban insurgents and take control of the war.

In the interview, Obama said he won't assume that more troops will result in an improved situation. "There may be a point of diminishing returns in terms of troop levels. We've gotta also make sure that our civilian efforts, our diplomatic efforts and our development efforts, are just as robustly encouraged."

Obama agreed that things are worse than ever in Afghanistan, and then sought to clarify his point.

"They're not worse than they were when the Taliban was in charge and al-Qaida was operating with impunity," Obama said. But, he added, "We have seen a deterioration over the last several years." "This is gonna be hard," Obama said. "I'm under no illusions. If it was easy, it would have already been completed." He also stressed the need to be flexible. "We will continue to monitor and adjust our strategies to make sure that we're not just going down blind alleys."

Richard Holbrooke, U.S. envoy to Pakistan and Afghanistan, dismissed comparing the war in Afghanistan to U.S. involvement in Vietnam more than a generation ago.

"The Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese never posed any direct threat to the United States and its homeland," Holbrooke, a Vietnam veteran, said on "State of the Union" on CNN.

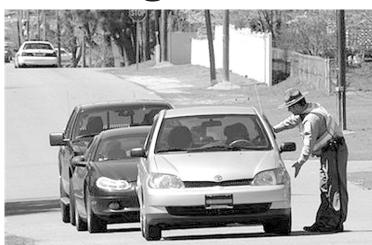
"The people we are fighting in Afghanistan, and the people they are sheltering in western Pakistan, pose a direct threat. Those are the men of 9/11, the people who killed Benazir Bhutto," Holbrooke said, referring to the slain former Pakistan prime minister. "And you can be sure that, as we sit here today, they are planning further attacks on the United States and our allies."

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7 residents, nurse die in NC nursing home shooting



A Moore County sheriff's deputy redirects traffic from the area where a gunman opened fire at a nursing home Sunday morning, killing at least six people and wounding several others in Carthage, N.C., Sunday, March 29, 2009. The gunman was also injured before he was apprehended by police after the 10 a.m. shooting at Pinelake Health and Rehab, Police Chief Chris McKenzie told several television stations. A police officer was also hurt.

By TOM FOREMAN Jr. and KEVIN MAURER,

Associated Press Writer

CARTHAGE, N.C. – A gunman burst into a North Carolina nursing home Sunday morning and started "shooting everything," killing seven residents and a nurse and wounding at least three others

Robert Stewart, 45, of Moore County, was charged hours later with eight counts of first-degree murder and a single charge of felony assault of a law enforcement officer. Authorities offered few other details, allowing only that Stewart was not a patient or an employee at the nursing home, and isn't believe to be related to any of the victims.

"It's a horrible event in any size town, particularly, though, when you deal with a small town such as Carthage," said Police Chief Chris McKenzie. "It's hard. This is my home, my small town. I was born and raised here so, yeah, I take it to heart a little bit. All you can do is move forward."

Authorities said Stewart began his rampage around 10 a.m. at Pinelake Health and Rehab, a nursing home in the North Carolina Sandhills about 60 miles southwest of Raleigh. A police officer, 25Decker, 98; and nurse Jerry Avent, whose age wasn't immediately available. Gretchen Kelly, a

Gretchen Kelly, a spokeswoman at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in nearby Pinehurst, said six people were brought to the hospital from the nursing home. Two died, two were discharged and two were still being treated. She wouldn't release further details on the injuries or conditions of those hospitalized.

Late Sunday afternoon, authorities appeared to be conducting a search of the nursing home's parking lot, which they had blocked off with yellow police tape. Among the items they found was a camouflaged-colored rifle or shotgun, which was leaning against the side of a Jeep Cherokee.

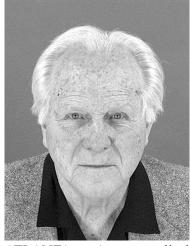
The road leading to the home was filled with parked cars, both of police and relatives of those living at Pinelake. Howard McMillian, of Lakeview, said he raced to the scene as soon as he heard about the shooting. His 56-year-old sister lives at the nursing home, and McMillian said his brother had gotten a call from officials saying she was unharmed.

year-old Justin Garner, was also wounded before Stewart was shot and apprehended.

Sen. Harris Blake, a Moore County Republican, said six people were killed at the scene and two died later at a hospital in nearby Pinehurst. He said sheriff's officials told him that Stewart "comes in and just starts shooting everything around."

The victims were identified as residents Tessie Garner, 88; Lillian Dunn, 89; Jessie Musser, 88; Bessie Hendrick, 78; John Goldston, 78; Margaret Johnson, 89; Louise

Ex-megachurch head Paulk dies in Atlanta hospital



ATLANTA – An evangelical pastor whose leadership of an Atlanta-area megachurch ended in a sex scandal has died.

Atlanta Medical Center said Archbishop Earl Paulk, who was in his 80s, died early Sunday. The hospital could not release a cause of death. Paulk had been in bad health for the past couple of years after a battle with cancer.

A phone listing for Paulk's family could not immediately be found.

Paulk co-founded the Cathedral at Chapel Hill in Decatur and helped grow it to a peak membership of about 10,000 in the early 1990s.

A lawsuit by a female employee sparked a chain of events that ended in Paulk pleading guilty in January 2008 to lying under oath by denying affairs with other women.

A paternity test revealed Paulk was the father of his nephew, who is now leader of the church.

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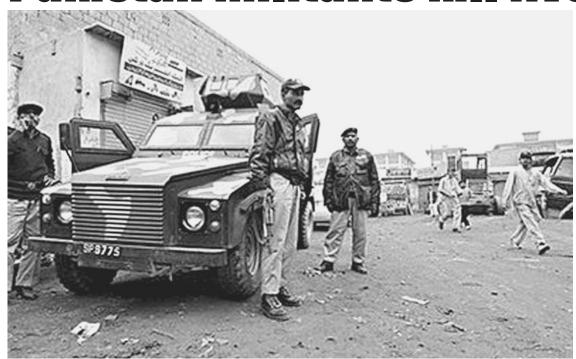




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Pakistan militants kill five in kidnap



Pakistani policemen stand guard in Karachi in January 2009. Militants in northwest Pakistan killed five people, including a district police chief, after villagers gave chase following the kidnapping of a bank manager Sunday, officials said.

(AFP/File/Rizwan Tabassum)

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AFP) of a bank manager Sunday, a controversial agreement to Militants in northwest Pakistan killed five people, including a district police chief, after villagers gave chase of Malakand, where the

officials said.

The deadly shooting happened in Lower Dir district, part following the kidnapping government last month signed private bank manager in

enforce sharia law in a bid to end a nearly two-year Taliban insurgency.

"Militants kidnapped a local

found out and started chasing militants," district administration official Layeeq Khan told AFP. The militants opened fire on

their pursuers, killing a former district mayor and a friend in the nearby village of Shah Bandi, Khan said.

Police, led by Lower Dir police chief Khurshid Khan, rushed to scene.

"Police opened fire on the militants. In the gunbattle Khan sustained bullet wounds and was killed along with two bodyguards. Their driver was also injured," said the administration official.

The militants then escaped with the kidnapped bank manager.

Police, administration and intelligence officials confirmed the details.

Militants are active in Lower Dir which is near the Swat valley, where a Taliban-led uprising to enforce Islamic

Ashari. A group of townsmen law has been focused.

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Last month's agreement to implement sharia in Malakand triggered alarm around the world, raising fears it would embolden militants throughout the northwest, which is a hotbed for Taliban and Al-Qaeda extremists.

Thousands of acolytes of a Taliban commander spent nearly two years waging a terrifying campaign to enforce Islamic law in the area, beheading opponents, bombing girls' schools, outlawing entertainment and fighting government forces.

US President Barack Obama put Pakistan at the centre of the fight against Al-Qaeda in a sweeping new strategy unveiled on Friday.

Obama said Al-Qaeda and its allies were "a cancer that risks killing Pakistan from within" and warned Pakistan must "demonstrate its commitment" to eliminating extremists on its soil.

Palestinian orchestra shut after Holocaust concert

HUBBARD,

Associated Press Writers

West Bank JENIN. Authorities in an impoverished Palestinian refugee camp have shut down a youth orchestra, boarded up its rehearsal studio and banned its conductor from the camp after she took 13 young musicians to perform for Holocaust survivors in Israel, an official said Sunday. Conductor Wafa Younes took the children from her Strings of Freedom orchestra to sing songs of peace last week as part of an annual Good Deeds Day organized by Israel's richest woman. But once parents and leaders back in West Bank's Jenin refugee camp realized where the group had been, they shut down the program, saying Younes had dragged the children into a political issue.

The discord highlights both the distrust many Palestinians have of any engagement with Israel, as well as their reluctance to acknowledge Jewish historical suffering

weakens their own claim to this disputed land.

Some 6 million Jews were killed in the Nazi campaign to wipe out European Jewry, and the urgent need to find a sanctuary for hundreds of thousands of survivors catalyzed the creation of Israel after World War II.

A community leader in the Jenin camp, Adnan Hindi, said the musicians' parents had not known where Younes was taking their children and were angry when they learned of the performance from media reports.

"She exploited the children for a big political issue," said Hindi, head of a camp committee responsible for municipal duties.

Hindi did not deny there was a Holocaust, but said Palestinians had suffered at the hands of Israel.

"The Holocaust happened, but we are facing a similar massacre by the Jews themselves," he said. "We lost

because of concerns that it to flee and we've lived in refugee camps for the past 50 years."

> Morethan 700,000 Palestinians either fled or were expelled from their homes in the war that followed Israel's creation, an event Arabs call the Nagba, or catastrophe. Many of their descendants still live in refugee camps like Jenin.

> "If I had known this was a political excursion, I would not have let my son go," said Ibrahim Samour, father of 18year-old Qusay, who plays the kamanja, a traditional Arab stringed instrument similar to a violin.

> When asked why he objected to his son performing for the group of about 30 elderly Holocaust survivors, near Tel Aviv, Samour, 61, said his family fled to Jenin in 1948 from land that is now part of Israel.

> "I'm not denying bad things happened to them, but there has to be mutual recognition," he said.

Avner Shalev, chairman our land, and we were forced of Israel's Yad Vashem



In this March 25, 2009 file photo, Palestinian children from the Jenin refugee camp in the West Bank pose for a photo after playing for Holocaust survivors at a center in Holon near Tel Aviv, Wednesday, March 25, 2009. Palestinian officials in a West Bank refugee camp say Sunday, March 29, 2009, they have disbanded a youth orchestra after it played for Holocaust survivors in Israel.

(AP Photo/Tara Todras-Whitehill, file)

Holocaust memorial, called uses the Holocaust to justify its the orchestra's closure "very unfortunate."

Ignorance and even denial of the Holocaust is widespread in Palestinian society.

To increase awareness, Yad Vashem created an Arabiclanguage Web site last year with survivor testimonies that has so far received about a half million visits, Shalev said.

Khaled Mahameed, an Arab Israeli who runs a small institute in the biblical town of Nazareth to teach Palestinians about the Holocaust, said many Palestinians feel Israel actions against Palestinians.

"They think that if you talk about the Holocaust, then you feel sympathy for the Jewish people, and the conclusion is that you have to support Israel," he said.

Younes, an Arab from the northern Israeli village of Ara, had been training the modest orchestra of 11- to 13-yearolds for about three years and had taken them on previous trips, camp residents said.

Younes said camp officials closed the ensemble so they could take over its funds.



S-backed Iraqi troops quell Baghdad uprising

By ROBERT H. REID,

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD - U.S.-backed Iraqi forces swept through a central Baghdad slum Sunday, disarming Sunnis from a government-allied paramilitary group to quell a two-day uprising launched to protest the arrest of their leader.

At least four people were killed and 21 wounded in the two days of fighting between government troops and the Awakening Council in Fadhil, a ramshackle warren of narrow, fetid streets on the east side of the Tigris River where al-Qaida once held sway.

Members of the Fadhil council said Sunday they decided to give up the fight and hand over their weapons to spare the neighborhood, whose bullet-pocked buildings bore witness to intense combat there two years ago.

Most of the top council members fled the neighborhood Iraqi as troops searched house-tohouse, according to residents who spoke on condition of anonymity because feared for their safety.

Nevertheless, a few fighters were still holding out. An Iraqi patrol, accompanied by an Associated Press photo and video team, came under heavy fire, sending them ducking for cover as bullets sheared off bits of mortar from the buildings lining the narrow alleyway. The confrontation in Fadhil is potentially explosive if it leads to a split between the Shiite-led government and the Awakening Councils, made up of Sunnis who abandoned al-Qaida and joined forces with the Americans to fight the insurgents.

Distrust runs deep between the Shiite-led government and the Awakening Councils, which the U.S. calls Sons of Iraq, because many of them are ex-insurgents. There have been fears that some fighters may return to the insurgency if they feel threatened by the government.

That could undermine U.S. plans to remove all combat troops from Baghdad and other cities by the end of June and end the U.S. combat role

in Iraq by September 2010. Members of the councils maintain that they are being unfairly singled out and targeted by the Shiitedominated security forces

because they are Sunnis. But none of the past arrests drew the kind of explosive reaction that followed Saturday's detention of Adel al-Mashhadani.

"In our view, all these arrests and assassinations ... is part of Iran's plan to dominate Iraq," said Shogaa al-Aazami, commander of an Awakening Council in west Baghdad. "We think the arrests and the assassinations will continue." Clashes broke out Saturday when Iraqi troops seized al-Mashhadani, accusing him of terrorist activity and leading an armed group loyal to Saddam Hussein's ousted party.

Awakening Council fighters, who a few days earlier had been manning security checkpoints, opened fire on Iraqi troops, setting off gunbattles that persisted into Sunday. U.S. soldiers rushed to support the Iraqis, and U.S.

helicopters patrolled above the neighborhood, once notorious as the place where a U.S. contractor's helicopter was shot down in January 2007.

"Why does al-Mashhadani become a terrorist when before they used to consider him a hero," said a member of the Fadhil council, who gave his name only as Abu Abdullah. "We are not going to submit to any terms from the Americans or the Iraqi authorities since we are afraid that they will stab us in the back as they did to our leader."

Col. Bill Buckner, a U.S. military spokesman, said al-Mashhadani was arrested under a December 2008 warrant charging him with seven offenses including extortion, roadside bombings against Iraqi forces, robbery and ties to al-Qaida in Iraq.

Helicopters dropped leaflets over Fadhil with a statement from the Iraqi army's top Baghdad commander asking Council fighters to "take a patriotic stance" and distance themselves "from suspect



Iraqi soldiers on patrol during search operations after a gunfight sparked Saturday at the dominantly Sunni neighborhood of Fadhil in Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday, March 29, 2009. U.S. and Iraqi troops exchanged gunfire Sunday with Sunni militants in central Baghdad in a second day of clashes following the arrest of a local leader of Sunni security volunteers who had broken with al-Qaida. The Arabic words on the wall read 'house of death.'

(AP Photo/Hadi Mizban)

elements and outlaws." Iraqi officials sought to dampen fears that the move was part of a plan to disband the Awakening Councils.

Nevertheless, the move against the Fadhil group deepened the suspicion between the Sunnis and the Shiite-led government, which took control of the Baghdad's Dora area.

90,000 Awakening Council members last October from the Americans.

"We hope the government will not arrest any member until it is proved he made mistakes," said Sheik Mustafa Kamil Shebib, leader of the Awakening Council in south

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Sudan's wanted president welcomed at Aral

Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir, foreground, is accompanied by Qatari Emir Sheik Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, background, upon his arrival at Doha airport, Qatar, Sunday, March 29, 2009 for a summit meeting. The main topics to be addressed at the summit include ongoing Palestinian feuding and crafting an Arab response to the Hague-based International Criminal Court's arrest warrant for Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir for crimes against humanity in the suppression of a rebellion in the Darfur region.

(AP Photo/Hassan Ammarl)

By BRIAN MURPHY, Associated Press Writer

DOHA, Qatar – Qatar's leader embraced Sudan's president in a red-carpet welcome Sunday as he arrived to attend an Arab Summit in his most brazen act of defiance against an international arrest warrant on charges of war crimes in Darfur.

For host Qatar — a key U.S. ally that is home to American warplanes and more than 5,000 U.S. troops — the Arab League meeting beginning Monday also showcases its desire to stake out a prominent role in regional affairs even at the risk of angering the West. Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir had promised to attend the 22-nation gathering after assurances from members they would not enforce the International Criminal Court's arrest order issued March 4. But his lavish arrival sent an apparent message that al-Bashir will have a center stage role at the two-day meeting. Wearing a traditional Sudanese robe and white turban, a smiling al-Bashir was greeted

at the airport with an embrace

and kiss by Qatar's emir. They

later had coffee with the head

of the Arab League, Amr Moussa.

It was a low-risk trip for al-Bashir with high symbolic value for his Arab backers, who argue that carrying out the ICC's arrest would further destabilize Sudan as the Darfur conflict between the Arab-led government and ethnic African rebels enters its seventh year.

Only Jordan and two other tiny Arab League members, the Comoros and Djibouti, are party to the ICC charter, but can take no action on Qatari soil. Arab foreign ministers have endorsed a draft resolution for the summit rejecting the ICC's arrest warrant.

ICC prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo has said that al-Bashir should be arrested once he leaves Sudanese airspace, but it was unclear whether any militaryforcesweremonitoring his flight. The United States does not recognize the ICC's jurisdiction, citing fears that Americans would be unfairly prosecuted for political reasons. But President Barack Obama earlier this month denounced the "genocide" in Darfur.

The Sudanese government's

battle against rebels in the western Darfur region has killed up to 300,000 people and driven 2.7 million from their homes since 2003, according to the United Nations.

"The president is performing his duties and is going to visit more countries either on bilateral bases or for regional meetings," said al-Bashir's policy foreign adviser, Mustafa Osman Ismail. The Sudanese leader also visited Eritrea, Egypt and Libya over the past week.

"What is required from all of

in Sudan and its leadership in order to prevent dangers that affect our collective security," Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem said.

But the Arab ministers rejected an offer from Sudan to host an emergency Arab summit. Instead, Arab governments promised to increase diplomatic visits to Sudan.

The Doha gathering is another chance for Qatar to enhance its role as a regional broker — with the growing confidence to occasionally break ranks with traditional us is to stand with our brothers regional heavyweights Egypt

and Saudi Arabia and their Western allies.

In January, Qatar hosted a Gaza crisis conference that included two leaders sharply at odds with Washington: Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal. The following month, Qatar mediated preliminary talks between Sudan's government and the most powerful Darfur rebel group.

But Qatar's rulers are careful not to step too far from the Western-leaning fold.

22 killed at stampede at match in Ivory Coast



Men carry an injured spectator following a stadium stampede ahead of a World Cup qualifying match between Ivory Coast and Malawi, in Abijdjan, Ivory Coast Sunday, March 29, 2009. Ivory Coast's Minister of the Interior announced on state TV that at least 22 people were killed and 132 were wounded on Sunday at a stampede ahead of a World Cup qualifying match in the capital's main stadium. Ivory Coast defeated Malawi 5-0.

(AP Photo)

By BENOIT HILI, **Associated Press Writer**

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast – A stampede at a World Cup qualifying soccer match in the Ivory Coast killed at least 22 people and wounded 132 Sunday, the Minister of the Interior announced on state TV.

Desire Tagro said fans pushed against each other, setting off a panic that led to the stampede at the game between the Ivory Coast and Malawi.

"Lots of fans showed up," Tagro said. "They started pushing to get in because the match was about to start and each and every one of them wanted to get in."

An Associated Press photographer said

people began shoving and pushing 40 minutes before the beginning of the game at the Felix Houphouet-Boigny arena. Police fired tear gas into one section of the crowd.

Ollo Kambire, a reporter for "Super Sport," a daily newspaper focusing on sports, said that a wall collapsed under the weight of the fans as they pushed toward the field. "We saw people falling. ... Then there was panic and a stampede," he said.

Ivory Coast won the match 5-0.

There have been a number of stampedes at Africa's crowded stadiums. Badly equipped security forces are far outnumbered and are often unable to control the voluminous crowds



IMPACT: With Mexico's army in the war on drugs

By OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ, **Associated Press Writer**

REYNOSA, Mexico – Acting on a tip, 30 masked soldiers in combat gear bust down the door of a boarded-up house to find 55 terrified migrants, hostages of the Gulf drug

Amid screams and the smell of urine and sweat, they find a blood-spattered room and a nail-encrusted log used to beat the captives and extort money from their families: \$3,000 each.

Five suspected kidnappers are hauled off in a military truck, including the alleged leader — the son of a local police officer.

The Associated Press spent five days on the front line of Mexico's drug war, embedded with the army's 8th Division in Tamaulipas state, one of many organized-crime hotspots now policed by 45,000 troops nationwide. Launched by President Felipe Calderon in December 2006, the army is Mexico's last and best hope to gain control over drug cartels and spiraling violence, which have killed more than 9,000 people since then.

front-row seat reveals the army offensive to be at once successful and imperfect, marred by police corruption, lack of training and local distrust. As Calderon has said, it's a temporary fix. There's still not a long-term solution. Many Mexicans see the army as the only government entity able to face the heavily armed drug cartels, and soldiers rely on citizen complaints, such as the call that led them to the migrant hostages. They enter the house in a rough neighborhood without working with local police to get a search warrant, fearing officers could tip off the smugglers.

Army officials acknowledge they break rules to get results. Their fight is complicated by deep-rooted corruption among local and state police, who work as lookouts and sometimes hit men for the cartels.

"Here you can't call police," says army Capt. Huascar Santiago, "because they're in collusion."

Theproblemisalsocomplicated by the constitution, which bars the army from doing police work such as the smuggling But the AP's exclusive ring bust. Among other limits,

soldiers legally can detain only people caught in the act of a crime as they check suspicious cars, rummage through trash cans and gather intelligence from neighbors.

Army Gen. Edgar Villegas, the division commander, says the military still maintains discipline in these situations.

"If we're going to act in this gray area, in the end what prevails is the honesty and transparency with which we do things," he says. "We're susceptible to committing errors, and when we do, we take responsibility for everything that comes with it."

In the Reynosa raid, the soldiers free nine women held in the living room in their underwear and 46 men crammed into two small bedrooms — some for up to a month — with little food and water. The torture room has a mattress on the floor and blood and posters of half-naked women on the walls. A handgun sits on a corner table.

The soldiers handcuff the ring leader and cover his head. He is taken into the bathroom, made to kneel in a bathtub



Soldiers patrol the streets of Reynosa, on Mexico's northeastern border with the U.S., Tuesday, March 17, 2009. Mexico has deployed thousands of soldiers and federal agents to drug strongholds as part of a nationwide crackdown on drug cartels since President Felipe Calderon took office in 2006.

(AP Photo/Alexandre Meneghini)

The door is shut. The suspect emerges wet and willing to reveal the addresses of two other smuggling houses, though they yield nothing.

"You're heroes. God will reward you," reads a text message on Santiago's cell phone from the man who gave him the tip.

Drug traffickers once had free rein in Tamaulipas, which borders Texas and the Gulf Coast — the home base for the Gulf cartel. They raced around in convoys of bulletproof sport utility vehicles, setting up roadblocks to protect turf and forcing Mexican customs agents at gun point to wave through cars coming from the U.S. without inspection. Men openly displayed their weapons as they drank in bars or had their ostrich-skinned boots shined in the town plaza. That was before Calderon took office and sent the army — mostly twentysomethings from rural provinces — to wrest control of areas taken over by cartels.

The 8th Division 2,400 troops plus 1,500 reinforcements deployed in late 2007 after a former border town mayor who denounced cartel meddling in local elections was shot dead outside a restaurant.

Maj. Andres Murias leads his column of 30 soldiers in the border town of Miguel Aleman past a house where he previously saw surveillance cameras and decides to make

beside a bucket of water. a stop. His soldiers find ski masks and ammunition inside a stolen truck in the yard, and freshly abandoned fried chicken and tortillas in the kitchen.

> As his troops continue through the streets, Murias' driver points out a local squad car that keeps turning up nearby. "We have been followed by the

> police every single moment," Murias says. "They have people everywhere reporting on our every move, and that makes it hard to surprise them."

> But that doesn't keep them from trying. At dusk, Murias' unit shows up at a cattle ranch near the Rio Grande that he hears is a hideout for gunmen. Days earlier he flew over the ranch, taking pictures.

> The military convoy breaks a chain to open the gate, shoos cows from its path and circles the property on bumpy dirt road lined by mesquite trees.

> But the only find is a fuming Juan Gilberto Garza, the owner, demanding to know what intelligence the army used to illegally enter his land.

> "You can come into the ranch whenever you want, but not like that," Garza says, shaking the broken chain at Murias. "I wanted to talk to you, to ask you to please close the gates. But no one would talk to me and left me standing there like an idiot."

Murias tells him a citizen complained of armed men on the property. "I had to go in and check," he says.

Central America to US: Slow deportations

By JUAN CARLOS LLORCA,

Associated Press Writer

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica – Central American leaders will push the U.S. to slow a flood of deportations when Vice President Joe Biden meets with them Monday, promising a "new day for relations" with a region that has felt ignored.

It is the first top-level visit to the Central America by a U.S. official since President Barack Obama took office in January.

"These meetings are a first and important step toward a new day for relations and the development of a partnership between the countries and peoples of the hemisphere," Biden said in an article published Friday in the Costa Rican newspaper La Nacion.

Mexico is receiving most of the U.S. attention to Latin America, with visits from U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Attorney General Eric Holder, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and even Obama himself, who plans to stop on his way to the Summit of the Americas in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Biden's trip is an opportunity to reach out to the Americas in the run up to that summit and to "begin to re-energize cooperation in the

hemisphere ... sending a signal that the U.S. is strongly interested in engaging the region and consulting with the countries in a cooperative way," said Peter DeShazo, director of the America's Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Costa Rica is the second stop in Biden's Latin American tour after a two-day visit to Chile. Central American leaders agreed Wednesday to push the U.S. to include Guatemalans in a temporary visa program that is already in place for Salvadorans, Hondurans and Nicaraguans. They also want the U.S. to soften a deportation policy that sent a record 80,000 people back to the region in 2008 alone.

The deportations and U.S. economic downturn have hit the region hard. During the last quarter of 2008, money sent home by Central American migrants living in the U.S. fell 4 percent, compared to the same period a year previous, according to the Inter-American Development Bank.

Remittances are a major source of foreign revenue for Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua. Before the crisis, the amount of money sent to these countries had been growing steadily every year.

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Biden says no plans to scrap trade embargo on Cuba

By EDUARDO GALLARDO, **Associated Press Writer**

INA DEL MAR, Chile - U.S. Vice President Joe Biden said Saturday that the United States is not planning to lift its trade embargo on Cuba.

Biden, who was in the Chilean resort city of Vina del Mar for a summit of center-left leaders from Latin America and Europe, replied "no" when asked by reporters if Washington plans to scrap the decades-old embargo.

He and President Barack Obama "think that Cuban people should determine their own fate and they should be able to live in freedom,"

Biden said after taking part in the Progressive Governance Summit.

The vice president said a "transition" is needed in the Washington policy toward the communist-ruled island, but that he was in Chile "to talk about the economy, not

Several of the leftist governments in Latin America have urged Washington to lift the embargo of Cuba, saying such a step would improve Washington's relations across the region.

But without signs of budging on the embargo, Biden still drove home the idea that the White House is committed to region. He called his state visit to Chile "just the beginning of the renewal of a partnership with the Americans."

"President Obama and I are absolutely committed to working closely with our neighbors in the hemisphere," he told reporters at Chile's La Moneda presidential palace after meeting with President Michelle Bachelet.

Leftist or left-of-center governments have been elected in Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Honduras and Uruguay in recent years, and at least five Latin American leaders

Argentina's President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, right, Chile's President Michelle Bachelet, left, and U.S. Vice President Joe Biden pose for the official photo of the Progressive Governance Leaders Summit in Vina del Mar, Chile, Saturday, March 28,

(AP Photo/Roberto Candia)

have visited Cuba this year. Cuba in February — held highlighting climate change.

a dinner for Biden under Chilean President Michelle candlelight, as lights were Bachelet — who met with turned off in coordination Fidel Castro on a trip to with an international action



Amelia Elgar weighs a cane toad at a collection point in Cairns, Australia, Sunday, March 29, 2009. Thousands of poisonous cane toads met a poetic fate on Sunday, as gleeful Australians gathered for a celebratory mass killing of the hated amphibians, with many of the creatures' corpses being turned into fertilizer for the very farmers they've plagued for years.

(AP Photo/Brian Cassey)

By KRISTEN GELINEAU, **Associated Press Writer**

SYDNEY - Thousands of poisonous cane toads met their fate Sunday as gleeful Australians gathered for a celebratory mass killing of the hated amphibians, with many of the creatures' corpses being turned into fertilizer for the very farmers they've plagued for years.

Hundreds of participants in five communities across

northern Queensland snacked on sausages, sipped cold drinks and picked up prizes as the portly pests were weighed, measured and killed in the state's inaugural "Toad Day Out" celebration.

"To see the look on the faces of the kids as we were handling and weighing the toads and then euthanizing them was just...," Townsville City Councilman Vern Veitch said, breaking off to let out a



Thousands of toxic toads killed in Australian fest

contented sigh. "The children really got into the character of the event."

The toads — which can grow up to 8 inches (20 centimeters) in length — were imported from South America to Queensland in 1935 in a failed attempt to control beetles on sugarcane plantations. Trouble was, the toads couldn't jump high enough to eat the beetles, which live on top of cane stalks.

The toads bred rapidly, and their millions-strong population now threatens many local species across Australia. They spread diseases, such as salmonella, and produce highly toxic venom from glands in their skin that can kill would-be predators. The toads are also voracious eaters, chomping up insects, frogs, small reptiles and mammals — even birds. Cane toads are only harmful to humans if their poison is swallowed.

Queensland politician Shane Knuth, a longtime nemesis of the cane toad who came up with the Toad Day Out idea, figured the best way to combat the problem was to gather Australians en masse for a targeted hunt. With each adult female cane toad capable of producing 20,000 eggs, he said, killing even a few thousand toads could ultimately wipe out millions.

On Saturday night, participants fanned out under the cloak of darkness to hunt down the toads. On Sunday, the toads which the rules stated must be captured alive and unharmed - were brought to collection points and examined by experts to ensure they were not harmless frogs. The creatures were then killed, either by freezing or by being placed in plastic bags filled with carbon dioxide. Some of the remains will be ground into fertilizer for sugarcane farmers.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has applauded the effort, provided the toads are killed humanely.

In Townsville, organizers received around 3,600 toads from about 400 participants, Andrew Hannay, coordinator of environmental management for Townsville City Council. Most of the toads will be donated to nearby Cook University, with the biggest ones turned souvenirs by taxidermists, he said.

The largest toad weighed more than a pound (half a kilogram), Hannay said. The monster toad's captor received several movie passes and a trophy made out of a cane toad.

In Cairns, more than 100 people turned up at a collection point with around 1,000 toads, Toad Day Out organizer Lisa Ahrens said. The biggest was 5 inches (13 centimeters) long, weighed half a pound (290 grams) — and had a fifth leg growing out of its chest.

There was a tussle over the creatures' corpses between a waste management plant and a local taxidermist. But in the end, Ahrens said, a compromise was struck — the taxidermists stripped off the animals' skins, and the rest of the remains went to the plant to be turned into compost for cane farmers.

"So everybody's happy!" Ahrens said with a laugh.

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dishes have been dusted

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'Monsters vs. Aliens' battles to \$58.2M de



In this film publicity still released by DreamWorks Animation LLC, Ginormica, voiced by Reese Witherspoon, powers through the atmosphere in a scene from DreamWorks Animation's 3D film, 'Monsters vs. Aliens.'

(AP Photo/ DreamWorks Animation LLC)

By DAVID GERMAIN, **AP Movie Writer**

LOS ANGELES - Movie old-time beasts from Hollywood got a makeover as heroes and conquered the

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weekend box office.

DreamWorks Animation's action comedy "Monsters vs. Aliens," which features creatures from 1950s flicks in a showdown with invading

extraterrestrials, launched itself into the No. 1 spot with a \$58.2 million debut, according to studio estimates Sunday.

It was the biggest debut so far in 2009, topping the \$55.2 million first weekend of "Watchmen" in early March. Opening in second place was Lionsgate's ghost story "The Haunting in Connecticut" with \$23 million in ticket sales.

The previous weekend's movie, Summit top Entertainment's apocalyptic thriller "Knowing," slipped to third with \$14.7 million, raising its 10-day total to \$46.2 million.

The big opening for "Monsters vs. Aliens" boosted Hollywood revenues after a couple of down weekends. Movies overall pulled in about \$148 million, up 39 percent from the same weekend a year ago, according to box-office tracker Media By Numbers.

For the year, revenues have reached \$2.38 billion, up 12 percent from 2008's, according Media Numbers.

Accounting for this year's higher ticket prices, movie attendance is up 10.4 percent. Hollywood historically weathers recessions given the relative low cost of movies compared with other entertainment such as concerts or sports events. But the declining revenues of the previoustwoweekendsshowed that audiences will not run out to just any old flick, said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Media By Numbers.

"The recession offers a framework from which movies can do well for people looking to escape," Dergarabedian said. "But they have to want to escape to these movies. The appeal has to be there, and it clearly was for 'Monsters vs. Aliens." Reese Witherspoon leads the cast of "Monsters vs. Aliens," providing vocals for a woman who grows to nearly 50 feet after an encounter with a meteor. The voice cast also includes Seth Rogen, Kiefer Sutherland, Hugh Laurie, Will Arnett and Stephen Colbert

"Monsters vs. Aliens" was the latest success story for digital 3-D projection. While the 2,080 3-D screens accounted for just 28 percent of the roughly 7,300 on which the movie played, they made up 56 percent of its total box-office haul, said Anne Globe, head of marketing for DreamWorks Animation

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Tickets for 3-D movies typically cost a few dollars more than the 2-D version.

"Audiences donned glasses in the biggest way ever," Globe said. "Monsters vs. Aliens' serves as valuable proof of concept for the next generation of 3-D."

The company plans to offer 3-D versions of all of its future animated films, including next year's "How to Train Your Dragon" and "Shrek Goes Fourth," the third sequel to the blockbuster ogre franchise.

Other upcoming 3-D releases this year include Pixar Animation's "Up" and James Cameron's sci-fi adventure "Avatar."





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RISIES TODAY

Wall Street rally rests on data due this week

By STEPHEN BERNARD, AP Business Writer

NEW YORK – The coming week may well be a turning point for the stock market and its March rally.

After three weeks of gains based on signs that the economy might be turning around, investors will get a batch of reports that could provide more evidence of whether the recession is easing or not. Among the data: the government's report on how many jobs were lost last month and the Institute for Supply Management's assessment of the health of the manufacturing and service sectors.

If the numbers come in better than forecast, many investors

are likely to keep buying, placing further bets that a recovery might indeed be in its very first stages.

But analysts say upbeat reports might not necessarily set off a huge advance. Wall Street faltered on Friday, a sign that investors are buying with caution, not abandon.

"If we see upside on the data, we might hold — or rally some more," said Doug De Groote, a managing director at United Wealth Management, a division of United Capital Financial Advisors.

Reports that come in weaker than expected are likely to take the market down. Wall Street's rally was fed in part by surprising gains in housing and factory orders numbers, and numbers that imply the recent data was a fluke could send investors out of the market again.

Still, analysts do see an improving tone on Wall Street that is due to more than economic data. De Groote said much of the market's advance came because of the government's efforts to help the credit markets and economy. On Monday, when the government released details of its plan to purchase toxic assets from banks, the major indexes rose about 7 percent.

"There's a lot of rhetoric out of Congress giving hope we'll get through this," said Roy Williams, chief executive of Prestige Wealth Management



People walk and talk on cell phones along Broad Street in front of the New York Stock Exchange, March 27, 2009. Wall Street capped a strong week on a down note on Friday as investors booked profits in the wake of the recent upward surge and bank shares dropped after bank executives indicated March had been a tougher month for the industry than the previous two.

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Group.

Last week, the Dow Jones industrials gained 6.8 percent, the Standard & Poor's 500 index picked up 6.2 percent and the Nasdaq composite index rose 6 percent.

The most critical report of the week comes Friday,

when economists expect the Labor Department to say that 640,000 jobs were cut last month. The unemployment rate is expected to have risen to 8.4 percent from 8.1 percent in February, according to the consensus of economists polled by Thomson Reuters.

Butbeforethen, on Wednesday, the Institute for Supply Management issues its report on the manufacturing sector's performance during March. A key figure that the market will be looking at is the new orders component of the overall ISM manufacturing index; that is usually a harbinger of manufacturing activity in the near future. Investors will also want to know from the ISM report if the government's surprisingly strong February durable goods orders report issued last week was a sign of things to come.

The ISM report is based on a survey of the group's members, corporate purchasing managers at big industrial companies. The ISM this week also will issue its March report of the service sector, on Friday.

Housing data have been showing signs of unexpected improvement, including last week's reports on new and existing home sales, and that has also fed the March rally

Obama takes tough line as auto aid deadline looms

By John Crawley and Kevin Krolicki

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – Struggling U.S. automakers have not done enough to save themselves, President Barack Obama said, a day before the White House is expected to offer General Motors Corp and Chrysler LLC some additional aid and tough new targets to finish the job.

"They're not there yet," Obama said in a taped interview on the CBS-TV news program "Face The Nation."

GM and Chrysler have run through most of the \$17.4-billion in emergency loans approved by the U.S. government late last year and are at risk of bankruptcy without immediate assistance from the U.S. Treasury.

Chrysler, which is also pushing to complete a tie-up with Italy's Fiat SpA, has said it needs additional funding as soon as Tuesday to avoid a cash crisis.

But neither automaker has finished the cost-cutting overhaul dictated by the terms of the auto industry bailout launched by the Bush administration that set a deadline of March 31 for determining whether the companies can be saved.

Analysts say that presents a dilemma for the Obama administration. GM and Chrysler employ almost 160,000 U.S. workers and allowing the automakers to fail would cause widespread hardship, especially in the industrial-belt Midwest, at a time when the economy remains mired in recession.

But as confidence has grown that the White House will not push the car companies into bankruptcy, it has also become more difficult to clinch cost-saving deals both GM and Chrysler need to reach with creditors and the United Auto Workers union.

Obama said the automakers had more work to do to win the concessions from creditors, labor and other groups they need in

order to survive a collapse in demand.

"We think we can have a successful U.S. auto industry. But it's got to be one that's realistically designed to weather this storm," Obama said.

"That's going to mean a set of sacrifices from all parties involved," he said. "Everybody's going to have to come to the table and say it's important for us to take serious restructuring steps now in order to preserve a brighter future down the road."

Erich Merkle, an independent auto analyst, said the Obama administration's apparent willingness to save GM and Chrysler was the right policy. But he said it had also removed the government's big stick: the threat of bankruptcy.

"I think it weakens the leverage the government has to win concessions," he said. "You've got a good poker game going on now."

MORE WORK TO DO ON DEBT

GM declined to comment on the White House announcement set for Monday after more than six weeks of closed-door meetings by the autos task force headed by former investment banker Steve Rattner.

GM Chief Executive Rick Wagoner met with members of the task force on Friday in Washington.

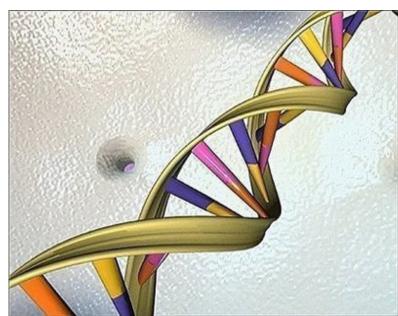
Chrysler said on Saturday that it was also still working with the White House-appointed autos panel and had made its case that it could both survive on its own and prosper under a tie-up with Fiat.

GM and Chrysler have won pending contract concessions from the United Auto Workers intended to bring factory labor costs in line with those of Japanese automakers led by Toyota Motor Corp that have operations in the United States.

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Scientists net new culprits for cancer



This undated illustration shows the DNA double helix. Combining the number-crunching potency of computers with an exploration of the genetic code, scientists said on Sunday they had identified a new master gene in cancer as well as faulty genes implicated in breast and skin tumours.

PARIS (AFP) – Combining the number-crunching potency of computers with an exploration of the genetic code, scientists said on Sunday they had identified a new master gene in cancer as well as faulty genes implicated in breast and skin tumours.

The research, published by separate teams in the journal Nature Genetics, could open up avenues to identify people at risk and, potentially, new drugs to block the mechanisms that let cancers proliferate, they hope.

British-based researchers said a gene called UTX, found in the X gender

chromosome, played the role of ringmaster in 10 percent of cases of multiple myeloma and one in 12 cancers of the oesophagus.

UTX controls an enzyme that contributes to the structure of DNA in our cells. The enzyme also acts as a switch, turning other genes on and off.

In a massive genetic trawl through tissue samples from patients with a form of kidney cancer, the scientists found a rare but telling signature among a mutated form of UTX.

By expanding the search to other cancer types, they also found the variant gene played a part in multiple myeloma -- cancer of the immune cells -- and in throat tumours.

"It influences some of most fundamental mechanisms controlling gene activity in our cells," said Andy Futreal, co-leader of the Cancer Genome **Project** Britain's Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, which led the study. "Unlike many cancer genes, UTX does not appear to be directly involved in cell division or cell death but in basic regulation, and shows the depths to which cancers will plumb in order to get themselves ready to go." Separately, investigators in the United States and Britain identified several genetic regions pointing to an enhanced risk for breast cancer.

Breast cancer is linked to lifestyleandenvironmental factors, such as exposure to tobacco smoke, but also has a strong genetic component.

Around half a dozen mutated genes are already closely linked to vulnerability to breast cancer, most famously the variants of the BRCA-1 and BRCA-2 genes, for which genetic tests are available.

But scientists say the list of culprits is far from complete, given the complex protein machinery involved in cancer.

Researchers from the US National Institutes of Health (NIH), meanwhile, said they had uncovered new insights into melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer.

They found that an enzyme gene called MMP-8 is designed to suppress tumour growth and variants in the gene help cancers to proliferate out of control.

The finding is important, because MMP-8 was previously considered to be a different category of gene -- an oncogene, which sends signals to promote cancer growth as opposed to suppressing it. This could explain why drugs designed to inhibit members of the MMP family have often failed to work.

"In the estimated six percent of melanoma patients whose tumours harbour a mutated MMP-8 gene or related tumour suppressor, it may not be wise to block all MMPs," the NIH said in a press release.

"The study suggests that

a better approach may be to look for drugs that restore or increase MMP-8 function or for drugs that block only those MMPs that are truly oncogenes." The studies are the latest in a widening series of investigations that use genomics -- comparative scanning of individual genetic codes -- to spot tiny defects in genes that contribute to the molecular ballet of cancer.

Knowledge derived from this can be used to make better diagnostic tools and help drug designers in their search for treatments to stop or reverse the cancercausing process.

Study: Cholesterol drug lowers blood clot risk

(AFP/HO/File)

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE,

AP Medical Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. – Statin drugs, taken by millions of Americans to lower cholesterol and prevent heart disease, also can cut the risk of developing dangerous blood clots that can lodge in the legs or lungs, a major study suggests.

The results provide a new reason for many people with normal cholesterol to consider taking these medicines, sold as Crestor, Lipitor, Zocor and in generic form, doctors say.

In the study, Crestor cut nearly in half the risk of blood clots in people with low cholesterol but high scores on a test for inflammation, which plays a role in many diseases. This same big study last fall showed that Crestor dramatically lowered rates of heart attacks, death and stroke in these people, who are not usually given statins now.

"It might make some people who are on the fence decide to go on statins," although blood-clot prevention is not the drugs' main purpose, said Dr. Mark Hlatky, a Stanford University cardiologist who had no role in the study.

Results were reported Sunday at the American College of Cardiology conference and published online by the New England Journal of Medicine.

The study was led by statistician Robert Glynn and Dr. Paul Ridker of Harvard-affiliated Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Ridker is a co-inventor on a patent of the test for high-sensitivity C-reactive protein, or CRP. It is a measure of inflammation, which can mean clogged arteries or less serious problems, such as an infection or injury.

It costs about \$80 to have the blood test done. The government does not recommend it be given routinely, but federal officials are reconsidering that.

For the study, researchers in the U.S. and two dozen other countries randomly assigned 17,802 people with high CRP and low levels of LDL, or bad cholesterol (below 130), to take dummy

pills or Crestor, a statin made by British-based AstraZeneca PLC.

With an average of two years of follow-up, 34 of those on Crestor and 60 of the others developed venous thromboembolism — a blood clot in the leg that can travel to the lungs. Several hundred thousand Americans develop such clots each year, leading to about 100,000 deaths.

However, this is uncommon compared to the larger number who suffer heart attacks. Many doctors have been uncomfortable with expanding statin use to people with normal cholesterol because so many would have to be treated to prevent a single additional case.

"I don't know that it changes the big picture very much" to say that a statin can prevent blood clots, Hlatky said. "Where do you draw the line? Are we giving it to 10-year-old kids that are fat?"

AstraZeneca paid for the study, and Ridker and other authors have consulted for the company and other statin makers. Many doctors believe that other statins would give similar benefits, though Crestor is the strongest such drug. It also has the highest rate of a rare but serious muscle problem, and the consumer group Public Citizen has campaigned against it, saying there are safer alternatives.

Crestor costs \$3.45 a day versus less than a dollar for generic drugs. Its sales have been rising even though two statins — Zocor and Pravachol — are now available in generic form.

Researchers do not know whether the benefits seen in the study were due to reducing CRP or cholesterol, since Crestor did both. Another new analysis reported Sunday and published in the British journal the Lancet found that the patients who did the best in the study were those who saw both numbers drop.

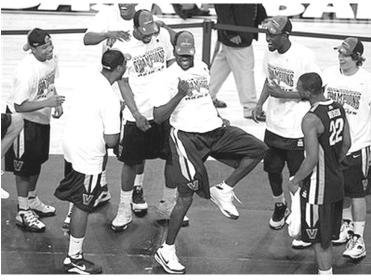
Many doctors remain reluctant to expand CRP testing or use of statins. A survey by the New England journal found them evenly divided on the questions. Others questioned why so few people in the study were getting other treatments to prevent heart problems.

Scottie Reynolds' hoop lifts Villanova past Pittsburgh

BOSTON- It was physical. It was defensive. It was just the way they like it in the Big East

With bodies clogging the lane and 3-pointers clanging off the rim, Scottie Reynolds made a half-court dash for a last-second basket to give Villanova 78-76 victory over Pittsburgh and send the Wildcats to their first Final Four since the 1985 team made its stunning run to the NCAA championship.

"That was kind of the greatest year in the Big East history, and we've had discussions whether that year was better than this year," said Villanova coach Jay Wright, whose third-seeded Wildcats are the lowest remaining seed -- just like they were in '85. "It's all kind of happening the same. ... If history repeats itself, I'll take it." Reynolds scored with 0.5 seconds left to help the Wildcats (30-7) beat one conference rival and join another on its way to Detroit. Connecticut advanced to the

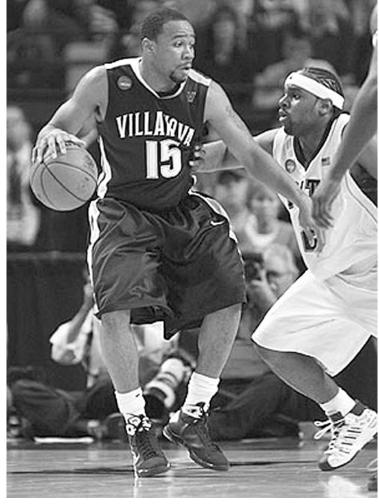


national semifinals earlier; Louisville could make it three from the Big East with a victory over Michigan State on Sunday.

The only other time a single league sent three teams to the Final Four: 1985, when Patrick Ewing's Georgetown beat St. John's in the semis before losing to Villanova in an epic championship game. Rollie Massimino's Wildcats were a No. 8 seed -- the lowest ever to win it all.

Villanova, for the players. It's jut tremendous," the old coach said after the new one, Jay Wright, came to his courtside seat for a congratulatory hug. "I told him I'm so proud of him. He's be on another level for a long time. I knew him when he was a baby. Now he's a superstar."

Pittsburgh (31-5) is the first No. 1 seed to leave the brackets this year despite 28 points from Sam Young and 20 points and 10 rebounds from DeJuan "I'm really happy -- for Blair. The Panthers led 67-63



with 3:24 left, and 69-68 with physical play by sinking 22 of but Villanova responded to the 6 in the last 46 seconds.

just over 2 minutes to play, 23 free throws, including 5-of-

ichigan St. ousts Louisville and reaches fifth Final Four in 11 years

INDIANAPOLIS- Michigan State is marching on to Motown.

The Spartans gave the Final Four a hometown feel, stopping overall No. 1 seed Louisville 64-52 Sunday to win the Midwest Regional.

Goran Suton had 19 points and 10 rebounds as the second-seeded Spartans (30-6) reached their fifth Final Four in 11 years -- the most trips of any team in the nation during that span.

Only 90 miles from their campus in East Lansing, the Spartans will play Connecticut on Saturday at Ford Field in Detroit. A crowd of 72,000, the largest ever for college basketball's signature event, is expected for each game. "Detroit, here we come," said coach Tom Izzo, a Michigan native. "I can't tell you how much I'm looking forward to that."

The Spartans made it 30 years after Magic Johnson led them to a national title over Larry Bird and Indiana State.

"Detroit needs something, Michigan needs something to feel good about,"

said Johnson, who was at the game. "And right now, the whole state is feeling good about this Michigan State team."

Along with advancing, the Spartans prevented a Big East blitz in the Final Four -- Louisville (31-6) was trying to become the third school from the power-packed conference to make it.

The Cardinals scored 103 points in overwhelming Arizona in the regional semifinal, but barely reached half that total against a rugged, defensiveminded squad. Earl Clark scored 19 points, but coach Rick Pitino's team played without the precision or passion it had Friday night.

Louisville lost for the first time in 14 games. It was the second straight year they were eliminated from the NCAA tournament in the regional final.

Suton carried the Spartans early, scoring 17 points in the first half, and Durrell Summers delivered 10 secondhalf points.

"They prepared so well the past day and a half," Izzo said. "I idn't know if



we could beat them but I thought we had a chance."

It went nothing like Louisville expected. The Cardinals allowed Michigan State to dictate the pace with their deliberate half-court style, and Louisville's vaunted pressure defense produced no fastbreak points.

Instead, Michigan State relied on its physical style and finally broke the Cardinals.

After going 28 minutes without either team taking more than a three-point lead, the Cardinals broke down.

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Button wins Formula One's season-opening Australian Grand Prix

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) -- Jenson Button won the season-opening Australian Grand Prix on Sunday, beating teammate Rubens Barrichello and giving Brawn GP a 1-2 finish in its first race.

Button led from start to finish, with the race finishing under caution following a late crash.

Defending Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton finished fourth but was elevated to third by a post-race stewards' decision that penalized Toyota's Jarno Trulli for overtaking under safety-car conditions.

It was the first time since 1977 - when Jody Scheckter won for Wolf - that a team had won its debut in F1, and the third time that a team finished first and second in its first attempt. Alfa Romeo did it in the first ever Grand Prix in Britain in 1950, and Mercedes did it at the French GP in 1954.

It was only the second GP win for Button, who is in his 10th year. He averaged 121.649 mph (195.775 kph) at the 3.3-mile (5.3-kilometer) Albert Park circuit and finished in 1:34:15.784.

The win capped are markable turnaround for the former Honda team which was at risk of disbanding in the offseason when the Japanese automaker pulled out of F1. Team principal Ross Brawn took over the team, which benefited from

development spending for 2009 by its former owner last year.

"This is a fairytale ending for the first race," Button said. "Some people may say it's a pity the race finished under the safety car but I don't care, I won the race and that's all I care about." Further boosting Brawn GP spirits was knowing that the past three winners of the Australian GP went on to win the championship.

Red Bull's Sebastian Vettel and BMW's Robert Kubica collided while running second and third with only four laps to go, bringing out the safety car. Vettel was fined \$50,000 for continuing around the track on three wheels.



Hamilton took third despite starting 18th, finishing ahead of Toyota's Timo Glock, Renault's Fernando Alonso, Nico Rosberg of Williams, Toro Rosso's Sebastien Buemi - in his first race - and his teammate Sebastien Bourdais.

Buemi became the fourthyoungest driver in history to earn a championship point. For the second straight year, Ferrari finished without a point in the season opener. Felipe Massa was running in third before his steering went on lap 45, three laps after Kimi Raikkonen spun

"It's true we are not where we want to be, so we will need to do some work to improve it," Raikkonen said.

A crash at the first corner ended the race for McLaren's Heikki Kovalainen, and forced BMW's Nick Heidfeld, Red Bull's Mark Webber and Force India's Adrian Sutil to pit, effectively ending their chances.

Button quickly established a 4 to 5 second lead over Vettel he held for most of the race, but the Englishman struggled with his tires as the day got cooler and a braking error created a flat spot. The gap was sliced to 1.5 seconds, but he held on to win.



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Connecticut storms into Final Four over Missouri



GLENDALE-Connecticut often overwhelms opponents with its size and strength.

Harried by the fighting Missouri Tigers, UConn needed something else: speed. Enter 6-foot-1 freshman Kemba Walker, whmatched a career high with 23 points as the top-seeded Huskies held off Missouri 82-75 in the West Regional final on Saturday. UConn earned a trip to Detroit and extended the Big East's dominance of the NCAA tournament.

UConn is headed to its third Final Four, where it will meet either Big East rival Louisville or Big Ten powerhouse Michigan State. This trip may have seemed harder than the

others, because the Huskies were rocked thi week by a report alleging that they violated NCAA recruiting rules.

Then came a duel with Mizzou. But the Huskies kept their poise even as the Tigers erased an early 11-point lead to surge ahead in the second half.

"We took some bumps, we took some bruises, but here we are once again going to the Final Four, and I'm just elated," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said.

Among those banged up was 7-foot-3 center Hasheem Thabeet, who bloodied a finger on his right hand scrapping for a loose ball on the floor in the second half. The Big East co-player of the year finished with 13 rebounds but only five points and no blocks, and held a bandage to his hand after the game.

"I'm getting it checked out, but I should be good," Thabeet said.

A.J. Price added 18 points and was named most outstanding player of the West region. But the difference was Walker, who deftly handled the Tigers' pressure defense.

"I told him he grew up," Price said. "He played like a man among boys today."

When it ended, Calhoun made an exaggerated fist pump and the emotional Huskies (31-4) mobbed each other at center court

"I can't lie to you, after the game I actually did cry," said Walker, who went 7-of-9 from the floor and 9-of-10 from the free throw line.

UConn kept their emotions

in check when it counted, though, clinching the victory by making all 10 of their free throws in the final 1:02.

The Huskies are still in the hunt for their third national title -- the first two went through regionals in Phoenix in 1999 and 2004.



North Carolina leaves Oklahoma behind 72-60

MEMPHIS- Blake Griffin might be the nation's best player. North Carolina brushed him aside with a total team effort. Ty Lawson scored 19 points and Danny Green added 18 to lead the top-seeded Tar Heels to a 72-60 win over Griffin and Oklahoma on Sunday in the South Regional final.

North Carolina (32-4) advanced to the Final Four for the second straight year and will play Villanova in the national

Griffin scored 23 points with 16 rebounds for Oklahoma, but the Sooners (30-6) went 2-for-19 from 3-point range. North Carolina advanced to a record 18th Final Four. UCLA has been to 18, but the Bruins' 1980 appearance was later vacated by the NCAA because of rules violations.

and it will be played at Detroit's Ford Field, where they routed Michigan State 98-63 in December. Earlier Sunday, the Spartans also reached the Final Four.

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Tigers put Dontrelle Willis on DL with anxiety disorder



LAKELAND-The saga of Dontrelle Willis' tenure with the Tigers assumed an entirely different hue today, as the left-hander was placed on the disabled list with an anxiety disorder.

president/general Team manager Dave Dombrowski made no prediction about when Willis will pitch again. But he remains "fairly optimistic" that Willis will return to the majors this year.

Willis said the diagnosis was made through a blood test. The condition, though, psychiatric in nature. According to the Web site of the Anxiety Disorders Association of America, the disorders "develop from a

complex set of risk factors, including genetics, brain chemistry, personality and life events."

The Tigers sought, and received, clearance from the commissioner's office to move Willis to the DL for that reason. A spokesman for Major League Baseball confirmed that players have been placed on the disabled list because of anxiety disorders in the past. Zack Greinke, currently a standout right-hander for the Kansas City Royals, missed much of the 2006 season for a similar reason.

Willis said he is not depressed now and has not been depressed in the past.

"I'm never depressed at all -

- I've always been an ampedup guy," he said. "This is not something where I'm uncontrollable....

Everybody will tell you in the locker room that I've always been upbeat, regardless of what's going on.

"This is not something where I'm too amped up, I don't know where I'm at, and I'm running sprints up and down the parking lot. This is not something like that. (The doctors) see something in my blood that they don't like. I'm not crazy. My teammates might think I'm crazy. But this is not something like that."

Dombrowski said Willis will undergo treatment but didn't specify what it would involve. He believes the diagnosis does illuminate what transpired last year, when Willis went 0-2 with a 9.38 ERA.

"I have to admit: This is above my knowledge of medical conditions," Dombrowski said. "I have to place myself into the hands of what the doctors tell me. But they feel -if treated in the proper fashion -- that he has a chance to pitch again this year."

Dombrowski repeatedly referred to Willis' anxiety as a "medical condition," and there might be a legal reason for that. The Tigers purchase disability insurance on longterm player contracts, and Willis signed a three-year, \$29-million extension in December 2007.

It's not clear whether the policies cover psychiatric conditions in the same manner that they would a broken leg. But it's very possible that the Tigers will be able to recoup some of the \$10 million they are scheduled to pay Willis this year.

Dombrowski declined to answer a question about the team's policy on Willis, saying, "We do not discuss our insurance policy information on our players."

For a story published last May, the Free Press learned that policies often exclude areas of the body that have been seriously injured before. Willis seemed to indicate today that he has no past history of mental illness.

Premiums can be as high as 10% of the contract's annual value, Marc Idelson, president of HCC Specialty Underwriters, Inc., said last year. Most policies cover three-year intervals, so the Tigers likely had little trouble insuring Willis' contract. At the time he signed it, he had never missed a start in the major leagues.

Policy premiums are linked to the comprehensiveness of the coverage. Idelson said most policies cover between 50% and 80% of a player's salary. Policies generally require players to remain on the disabled list for 60 or 90 days before the payments begin. If that is the case with Willis, he will need to remain on the disabled list until at least the end of May in order for the team to begin collecting.

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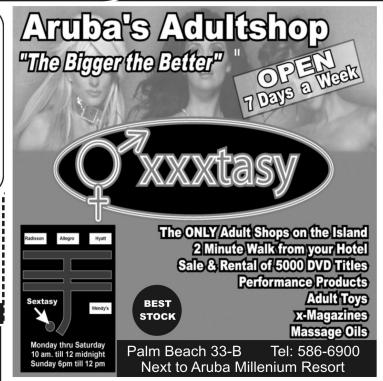


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MEDELLIN, Colombia (Reuters) - Una comisión que analiza vías para recapitalizar al Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo recomendó el domingo ampliar el capital de la entidad en hasta 180.000 millones de dólares, para atender las crecientes necesidades de América Latina por la crisis global.

El anuncio fue hecho en una conferencia de prensa por el presidente de la comisión, Pedro Pablo Kuczynski, quien señaló que el proceso de capitalización podría tardar más de dos años.

"Dado la reducción muy grande del acceso a los mercados de capital y el aumento de las necesidades debido a la recesión en muchos países del área, es imprescindible un aumento importante de los préstamos del BID", dijo Kuczynski, ex ministro de Finanzas y ex primer ministro de Perú, en una conferencia de prensa durante la asamblea anual del banco.

"Se debe aumentar el capital exigible y pagado de 100.000 millones hoy a más o menos 250.000 a 280.000 millones de dólares", explicó el presidente de la comisión de expertos, externa al banco.

El presidente del BID, Luis Alberto Moreno, dijo que los gobernadores del banco habían alcanzado una decisión consensuada para incrementar el capital de la institución, pero que aún se está negociando un acuerdo final.

"Los gobernadores del BID han tomado la decisión de

actuar, de comenzar el proceso que conducirá a un incremento de capital", dijo Moreno, al describir los contenidos de un borrador aún no oficial.

Al ser consultado sobre si esperaba que se suscribiera un acuerdo al final del encuentro, Moreno respondió: "Espero. Un borrador aún es un borrador". Horas antes, el secretario de Hacienda de México, Agustín Carstens, había dicho a los

periodistas que el BID buscaba aumentar su capital en 100.000 millones de dólares. México recibirá a la asamblea anual de gobernadores en el 2010.

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